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Brig.-Gen. Harrison G. Otis, U. S. Volunteers.

Biggest Battle of the War Is Expected in
Forty-Eight Hours---Aguinaldo's Forces
Only Twelve Miles
Away.

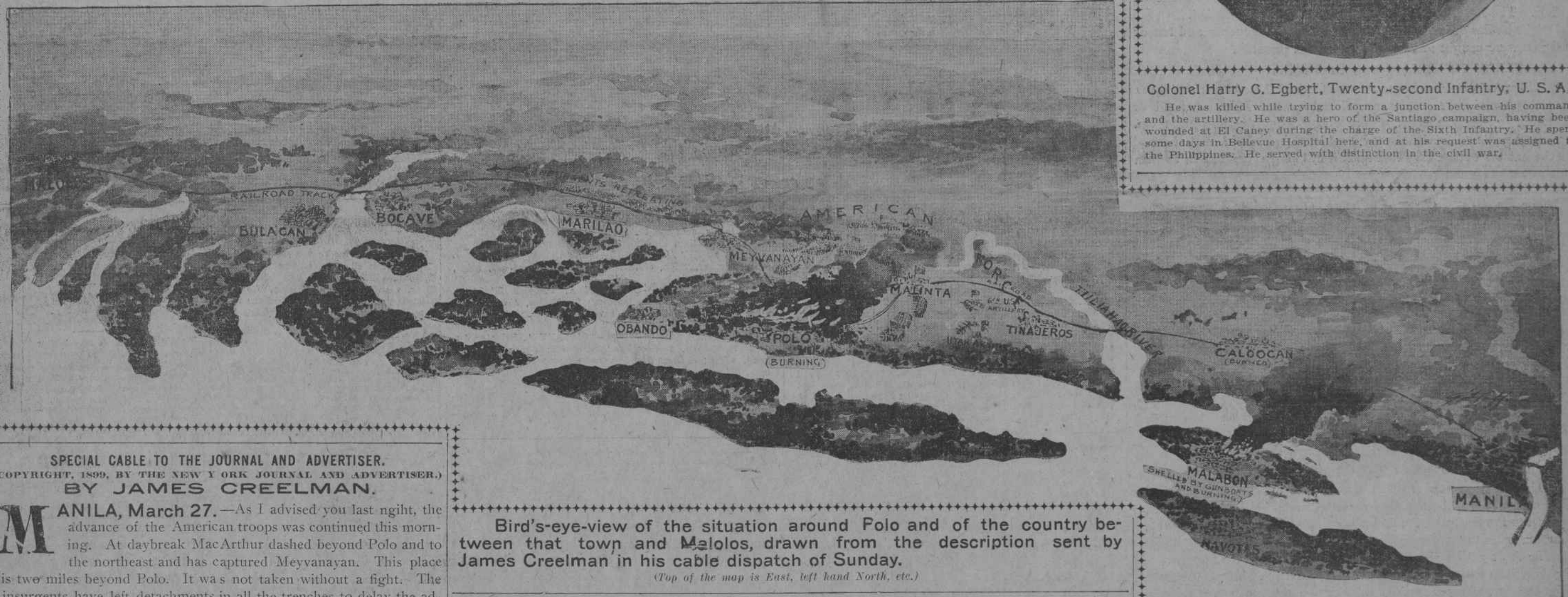
Malinta, Polo and Meyvanayan Captured by Desperate
Charges---Colonel Egbert Shot Lead-
ing His Men---President Schurman
on the Firing Line.

Americans Killed.....	22
Americans Wounded.....	166
Filipino Casualties, Killed and Wounded (Estimated).....	500



Colonel Harry C. Egbert, Twenty-second Infantry, U. S. A.

He was killed while trying to form a junction between his command
and the artillery. He was a hero of the Santiago campaign, having been
wounded at El Caney during the charge of the Sixth Infantry. He spent
some days in Bellevue Hospital here, and at his request was assigned to
the Philippines. He served with distinction in the civil war.



SPECIAL CABLE TO THE JOURNAL AND ADVERTISER.

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BY JAMES CREELMAN.

MANILA, March 27.—As I advised you last night, the
advance of the American troops was continued this morn-
ing. At daybreak MacArthur dashed beyond Polo and to
the northeast and has captured Meyvanayan. This place
is two miles beyond Polo. It was not taken without a fight. The
insurgents have left detachments in all the trenches to delay the ad-
vance. Meyvanayan is at the base of the rough hills and the jungle
country. The road forward is in clear ground.

The railroad over the conquered country to the rear is being re-
paired and fresh troops are getting into cars to be rushed forward.
Everything indicates that within forty-eight hours Wheaton and
MacArthur will be fighting before Malolos.

Among those who fell at the taking of Meyvanayan is Captain
Kornahub, Commissary Lieutenant of the Third Artillery. He is
mortally wounded.

The report that President Schurman, of the Philippine Com-
mission, was killed turns out to be unfounded. He was under fire
all day yesterday, but escaped without a scratch.

MANILA, MARCH 26.—Polo is in flames and the five
thousand rebels who constituted its garrison are in re-
treat to rejoin Aguinaldo's main column of insurgents at
Malolos. 5242

The town of Malinta, beyond the Tuliaha River, was taken by
General Wheaton's division. The fighting was sharp all day, and
to-day's battlefield is carpeted with the insurgent dead. Our own
losses were comparatively slight, though among our dead is Col-
onel Harry C. Egbert, a hero of two wars.

The plan to cut off the 5,000 insurgents in Polo from Aguin-
aldo in Malolos failed by reason of the roughness of the ground and
the thickness of the jungle, which prevented General MacArthur from
getting far enough around to the north of Polo to shut the enemy in.
We have to be content with a victory consisting of our having driven
the enemy from his position and having killed several hundred at a
cost to ourselves during the three days' fighting of twenty-two killed.

The victory in this light was a sweeping one. The insurgents,
though beset with cavalry, infantry and artillery, volunteers and
regulars, fought desperately in their trenches.

Dash Across the River.

In to-day's engagement Wheaton's brigade figured almost ex-
clusively. There were engaged the Fourth, Twenty-second and
Twenty-third infantry, the Utah troops, the Third Artillery and the

Bird's-eye-view of the situation around Polo and of the country be-
tween that town and Malolos, drawn from the description sent by
James Creelman in his cable dispatch of Sunday.

(Top of the map is East, left hand North, etc.)

KILLED - - - - - 22

(In the Fighting of March 24-25-26.)

TWENTY-SECOND INFANTRY—Colonel H.
C. Egbert.

TWENTIETH KANSAS—COMPANY E, Pri-
vates H. S. Plumer, Curran C. Craig; COMPANY
G, A. S. Anibal.

THIRD ARTILLERY—BATTERY H, Privates
William Patton, James O'Neil, Sergeant Fogarty;
BATTERY G, Privates Herbert Ross; BATTERY
K, Thompson Clarence Watts.

SECOND OREGON—COMPANY B, Privates H.
B. Adams; COMPANY D, William W. Cook;
COMPANY L, Charles Herbert, Guy Millard.

FIRST MONTANA—COMPANY F, Privates Jo-
seph Bickman; COMPANY G, Percy Lockhart,
Steve Stevens; Company M, William Mitschke.

TENTH PENNSYLVANIA—Private Aliz New-
all.

FIRST NEBRASKA—COMPANY A, Sergeant
Walter Poor.

FIRST COLORADO—COMPANY E, Captain
John S. Stewart.

THIRD INFANTRY—COMPANY M, Private
Morrell, Corporal Cummings.

WOUNDED - - - - - 166

(In the Fighting of March 24-25-26.)

TENTH PENNSYLVANIA, COMPANY C—Privates
Charles O. Walker, back, severe; D, Eugene Morgan, foot,
slight; K, Vernon Kelly, hand, severe.

FIRST MONTANA, COMPANY D—Privates Thomas
Rickard, thigh, severe; E, James McCreary, chest, slight;
James Enright, chest, slight; John Calanary, neck, slight;
Edward McWerner, forearm, slight; Corporal George T.
Banks, arm, slight; G, Privates Robert Brown, chest, severe;
Joseph P. Myer, coccyx, severe; Homer Williams, arm, slight;
William H. McCarty, thigh, severe; Hayes Axtell, thigh,
slight; H, Lewis Pollock, leg, slight; I, Edward J. Lynn,
groin, severe.

SEVENTEENTH INFANTRY, COMPANY M—Captain
Charles D. Clay, neck, slight.
HOSPITAL CORPS—Privates Gordon A. Pool, chest and
head, severe; Peter West, jaw, severe; Eugene J. Owen, chest
and shoulder, severe.

THIRD INFANTRY, COMPANY E—Private Martin O'Mally,
forearm, moderate; G, Corporals William H. Heppelring, chest,
severe; M, William H. Fitzgerald, arm, slight; Privates
Charles Karger, clavicle, slight; Robert Wormworth, side,
slight; Charles Tenton, leg, slight; William G. Schenck, thigh
and leg, severe; George S. Owens, knee, severe.

FOURTH INFANTRY, COMPANY G—Privates James
O'Neill, knee, severe; Herman Blecker, thigh, slight.

TWENTY-SECOND INFANTRY, COMPANY C—First Lieut-
enant Harold L. Jackson, thigh, severe; Privates Fred W.
Arendt, leg, severe; D, George C. Richards, thigh and hand,
severe; E, Edward D. Miller, knee, slight; William Howard,
chest, severe; F, William Myers, face, severe; G, Bert E.
Clough, leg, severe; H, Albert E. Axt, forearm, moderate; I,
Merton Heintzcker, chest, severe; M, Edward H. Lamers, fore-
arm, severe; Lewis T. Soltman, arm, slight; Nicholas Gearla,
thigh, slight; Sergeant Laverne Bregg, hand, slight.

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Oregon troops. These were stretched out along the railroad from
Caloocan to the Tuliaha River.

The rebels had destroyed the bridge over the river, and on the
further side made their stand. While the engineers were trying to
replace the bridge on the iron girders the Second Oregon Regi-
ment dashed across the river, wading and swimming.

The Twenty-second and four companies of the Twenty-third
gained the west bank of the Tuliaha about the same time. This
brought them exactly opposite Malinta. From the river where the
American troops struggled up the bank there is a steady rise of half
a mile to the village, which crowns the hill. The crest of the rise was
torn up with intrenchments, and with their eyes fixed on these, the
Americans moved steadily forward.

The light artillery began to throw up the brown earth. The
target work was perfect, but no Filipino showed himself, and the
troops could not tell how much damage was being done.

Col. Egbert Shot.

The rebels had profited by the lessons we had taught them.
They reserved their fire until our troops were within three hundred
yards. The Twenty-second was in the advance when the seemingly
dead trenches came to life with a fringe of fire. With Colonel Eg-
bert at their head the Twenty-second dashed at the entrenchments.

The Oregon and Kansas troops, at the right and left respec-
tively, were fighting with equal gallantry, but they were in the woods,
and made no spectacle as fine as that furnished by the advance of the
Twenty-second. In the middle of the charge Colonel Egbert fell
forward on his saddle, shot through the abdomen.

Close behind him, struggling through the grass, regardless of
the hot fire, came General Wheaton and his staff. They bore the
litter with the mortally wounded Colonel back past the General, who
bared his head and gave a soldier's greeting to the dying officer.

"It was done nobly," said the General.

"I am done for; I am too old," gasped Egbert. He was dead be-